

FISCAL NOTE

SB 1892 - HB 1895

April 2, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes the Board of Medical Examiners to discipline physicians under the Intractable Pain Act who (1) divert medications prescribed for a patient to the physician's own personal use or (2) causes or assists in suicide or euthanasia of a patient. Adds to the Intractable Pain Act that patients with severe chronic intractable pain have the right to choose other appropriate pharmacological treatments besides opiate medications. Adds that the Patient's Bill of Rights does not expand the authorized scope of practice of any licensed physician.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

MINIMAL

Assumptions:

- This bill strengthens the basis for which the Board of Medical examiners may discipline a physician for inappropriate prescribing.
- This bill would have no fiscal impact on the Board or the Department of Health.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director